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Medical Lake area physician suspended: charges say she's unsafe to practice due to cognitive impairment and physical limitations

OLYMPIA — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has immediately suspended the medical license of physician Pushpa S. Ram (MD00023159), Medical Lake. The commission's statement of charges say that a neuropsychological evaluation concluded Ram is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to cognitive impairment and physical limitations.

Ram cannot practice as a physician in Washington until the charges are resolved. She has 20 days to respond to the charges and to request a hearing.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the agency home page (doh.wa.gov).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating physicians' and physician assistants' competency and quality. The commission develops rules, policies, and procedures to promote delivery of high-quality health care to state residents.

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